

May 19, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27, 1998

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room (see enclosed map)
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

Please park in the garage under the Norwest Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
May 27, 1998**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> | |
| <p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p> | |
| <p>3. <u>Approval of April 29, 1998 Meeting Minutes</u></p> | <p>3. Review and approve April 29, 1998 meeting minutes.</p> |
| <p>4. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.</p> | <p>4. For information.</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Showcased Agency Introduction</u></p> <p>As part of the MAG restructuring effort, an opportunity is provided for a MAG member agency to showcase its community. The Town of Paradise Valley will be featured at this meeting.</p> | <p>5. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>6. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p> | <p>6. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>7. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p> | <p>7. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.</p> |

*ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*8. Red Letter Notifications

In June 1996, the Regional Council approved the revised Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Red Letter Process. This process requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments, including actions on plans, zoning and permits. The purpose of this process is to coordinate actions to help prevent new development from being built in the future freeway right-of-way. For advance acquisition requests, \$5 million has been allocated by the Regional Council. ADOT has forwarded 11 notifications that have been reviewed by the Transportation Review Committee. Upon request they could be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. For information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

*9. MAG Regional Plan on Domestic Violence

In April 1998, a tragic death occurred due to the lack of emergency bed space for domestic violence victims. As a result of this tragic situation, the City of Phoenix Education, Family, Youth and Culture Subcommittee, via Councilmember Cody Williams, requested that MAG address the domestic violence issue on a regional basis. On April 16, 1998, a special meeting of the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC) was convened around the issue of domestic violence. After presentations by directors of the region's domestic violence shelters and advocacy organizations, the HSCC members supported the need to identify regional strategies for this public safety problem. If approved by the MAG Regional Council, MAG would convene interested and affected individuals and organizations to develop a comprehensive regional strategy. Plan development would be provided by the MAG Human Services staff. Policy would be recommended by the HSCC. The Management Committee recommended that a regional plan on domestic violence be developed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. For information, discussion and approval of the development of a regional plan on domestic violence, with plan development provided by the MAG Human Services staff and policy being recommended by the Human Services Coordinating Committee.

*10. Retention Area Policies and Design Guidelines Project Consultant Recommendation

The FY 1998 MAG Unified Planning Work Program included a consultant project to develop model guidelines for open space areas to assist in the preservation of the essential natural characteristics and contribute to their function in defining the urban form of the region. In consultation with the MAG Desert Spaces Plan Implementation Task Force, a Request for Proposals was developed and advertised. Two proposals were received. A Design Guidelines Subcommittee interviewed both consultants and recommended the consulting firm e group for the project. On April 15, 1998, the Desert Space Implementation Task Force concurred with the Subcommittee recommendation. The Management Committee recommended approval of the e group to develop the guidelines. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*11. Reconstitution of MAG Solid Waste Committees

In 1988, the MAG Regional Council established a Solid Waste Coordinating Committee and a Solid Waste Technical Advisory Committee to prepare the first Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. With the Plan completed, the work of these committees will focus primarily on plan reviews, plan amendments, updating the waste database and the new Regional Recycling Information Exchange project. Staff is recommending that the committee process be reconstituted to have one broad based committee. The membership of this committee would be in accordance with federal regulations to include a balance of public officials; representatives of public interest groups; private citizens; and citizens or representatives of organizations with substantial economic interest in the outcome of the planning process. This approach would also be consistent with the direction provided by the Regional Council at the January 23, 1998 retreat regarding the streamlining of the existing committee process. The Management Committee recommended approval of reconstituting the MAG solid waste committee process. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. For information, discussion and approval of the e group to conduct the Retention Area Policies and Design Guidelines Project for an amount not to exceed \$70,000 and to authorize the MAG Executive Director to execute the contract.

11. For information, discussion and approval to reconstitute the MAG solid waste committee process to have a broad based MAG Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

12. Material Change Policy for the MAG Regional Freeway Program

State law requires that MAG approve any material cost increases to the MAG Freeway Program. Historically, these changes have been reviewed by the Management Committee and Regional Council. The 1997 Performance Audit for the MAG Freeway Program recommended that MAG and the Arizona Department of Transportation develop a definition of "material change." An ad hoc group with representatives from ADOT, MAG and city representatives met to discuss the issue and develop a definition for "material change." Also discussed was what constitutes an enhancement as referred to in State law. A draft material change policy has been developed and recommended for approval by the Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Grand Avenue Corridor Study Draft Final Report

In May 1996, the Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program, which included a consultant study for a Grand Avenue Concept Study. The purpose of the Study was to develop a system level consensus and design concept for the Grand Avenue Corridor. Options were examined and three concepts were recommended for additional study. To be eligible for federal funds to address these options, a Major Investment Study (MIS) is needed. The final draft of the Grand Avenue Corridor Study is recommending that a MIS and environmental study be undertaken. Funding for this effort is being considered by the Arizona Department of Transportation in their Five Year Highway Construction Program. On March 24, 1998, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Study. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. For information, discussion and approval of the material change policy for the MAG Freeway Program.

13. For information, discussion and acceptance of the Grand Avenue Concept Study and approval of conducting a Major Investment Study and environmental study on the Grand Avenue corridor.

GENERAL ITEMS

14. Draft FY 1999 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The purpose of the UPWP is to guide the regional planning efforts. For FY 1999, the UPWP and Annual Budget were revised and consolidated into one document. The format was changed to provide more concise information to the member agencies and public and to establish outcome measures for MAG programs. The proposed dues and assessments were adjusted to reflect population growth and inflation. The proposed dues for FY 1999 are \$144,976. In addition, proposed special assessments of \$27,880 for solid waste planning, \$66,912 for water quality planning, and \$33,907 for 9-1-1 services are being requested. The proposed FY 1999 budget of \$5,446,000 is balanced and represents a 4.43% increase over the previous year. The Draft FY 1999 UPWP was sent to the transportation and air quality agencies as part of the conformity consultation process. A meeting of the Intermodal Planning Group (IPG) was held on April 8, 1998 to review the UPWP. A presentation of the draft UPWP and budget was made to the Executive Committee on April 9, 1998. On April 24, 1998, the UPWP was distributed and discussed at the Management Committee Retreat. At their May meeting, the Management Committee recommended approval of the resolution adopting the FY 1999 MAG UPWP and Annual Budget and dues and assessments. On May 14, 1998, the Executive Committee endorsed the resolution adopting the FY 1999 MAG UPWP and Annual Budget and dues and assessments. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Support of the Concept of Establishing the Maricopa Association of Governments Information Center (MAGIC) as a Subsidiary of MAG

At the January Regional Council retreat, and at the April Management Committee retreat, the concept

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15. For information, discussion and approval of the concept of establishing the Maricopa Association of Governments Information Center (MAGIC) as a subsidiary of MAG.

of establishing a subsidiary of MAG for the development and distribution of data was discussed. This concept is similar to Sourcepoint, operated by the San Diego Association of Governments. Through this subsidiary, called the Maricopa Association of Governments Information Center (MAGIC), specialized information and services to member agencies, private sector businesses and individuals and other public sector agencies would be provided. MAGIC would contract with staff from the Maricopa Association of Governments to perform specific tasks, and any revenues derived from activities performed would be reinvested into both MAGIC and the Maricopa Association of Governments. The resources and activities associated with MAGIC could be administered by the Executive Director of the Maricopa Association of Governments. The governing board of the enterprise could be the Regional Council Executive Committee. There would also be an advisory board to consist of information technology staff, customers of MAGIC services, and representatives of the Management Committee. If the concept to form MAGIC is approved, the Articles of Incorporation will be presented in June for approval. The Management Committee recommended supporting the concept of establishing MAGIC as a subsidiary of MAG. On May 14, 1998, the Executive Committee endorsed the concept of establishing MAGIC. Please refer to the enclosed material.